

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

April 13, 2009 through April 17, 2009

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program has operated since 1974, providing communities like New Bedford with the resources required to meet the needs of low and moderate income persons and CDBG funds are used by dozens of neighborhood-based, non-profit organizations throughout the community to address pressing neighborhood and human service needs; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has had a significant impact on our local economy through job creation and retention, physical redevelopment and improved local tax bases; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Bedford, Massachusetts through the Office of Housing and Community Development has clearly demonstrated the capacity to administer and customize the CDBG programs to identify, prioritize and resolve pressing local problems, such as affordable housing, neighborhood and human service needs, job creation and retention and physical redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, this week marks the national celebration and recognition of the 35th Community Development Block Grant Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott W. Lang, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of New Bedford, Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the week of April 13-April 17, 2009, as

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in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the CDBG program and the important role it plays in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of New Bedford to be affixed this 13th day of April 2009.

SCOTT W. LANG, MAYOR